Amendment to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 18-29 in the application.

30. (New) A method for displaying messages on a display of a personal communication device having paging functions, comprising the steps of:

storing in a memory of the personal communication device a contact database having a plurality of entries, each entry comprised of at least one telephone number and one name corresponding to at least one telephone number;

receiving data in a paging message, said receiving data including at least one of a telephone number or name;

comparing said received data in the paging message with the contact database, to determine if the telephone number or name received in the paging message matches a telephone number or name in any of the contact database entries;

displaying contact database data on the display of the personal communication device that corresponds to the received data in the paging message; and

displaying on the display of the personal communication device a message prompting the user to enter additional data corresponding to the received data in the paging message, if the received data in the paging message does not match any telephone number or name in the contact database.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:

if the telephone number received in the paging message does not match a telephone number in the contact database, displaying on the display of the personal communication device a message indicating that an unknown party sent the paging message.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the contact database includes message entries, and wherein the step of storing further comprises assigning a standard message to a message entry or creating a personalized message for a message entry.

33. (New) A portable communication device comprising:

means for receiving a radio frequency paging signal;

means for extracting a paging message from the radio frequency paging signal, the paging message including a telephone number of the sending party;

means for storing a personal name directory comprising a plurality of entries, each entry comprising at least one telephone number and at least one message associated with said telephone number;

means for searching the personal name directory to determine a match between the telephone number in the received paging message and a telephone number in any of the entries of the personal name directory; and

displaying the message of the personal name directory entry corresponding to the telephone number in the received paging message, wherein the means for displaying further displays a message prompting a user to create an entry for the telephone number received in the paging message if the telephone number received in the paging message does not match a telephone number in the personal name directory.

34. (New)   The device of claim 33, wherein said means for storing stores a default message for display when the telephone number in the received paging message does not match a telephone number in the personal name directory.

35. (New)   The device of claim 33, further comprising an input means for inputting alphanumeric characters into the personal name directory.

36. (New)   The device of claim 35, wherein the means for storing further stores the standard message or a personalized message created by the user and input by said input means for a message entry.

37. (New)   The device of claim 33, wherein the portable communication device is a selective call receiver.

38. (New) A selective call receiver comprising:

means for receiving a radio frequency paging signal;

means for extracting a paging message from the radio frequency paging signal, the paging message including a telephone number of the party who sent the paging message; display means for displaying a message; the improvement comprising:

means for storing a personal name directory comprising a plurality of entries, each entry comprising at least one telephone number and at least one message associated with the at least one telephone number;
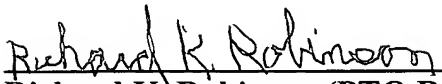
means for searching the personal name directory to determine a match between the telephone number in the received paging message and a telephone number in any of the entries of the personal name directory for displaying on the display means a message of the personal name directory entry corresponding to the telephone number in the received paging message or displaying a default message indicating that the telephone number in the received paging message is not in the personal name directory entries and further displaying a message prompting a user to create an entry for the telephone number received in the paging message.

39. (New) The improvement of claim 38, further comprising an input means for inputting alphanumeric characters.

40. (New) The improvement of claim 39, wherein the means for storing further stores a standard message or a personalized message created by the user and input by said input means for a message entry.

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